

Sahuaro Weekly Update

"Where neighbors help neighbors build community."



Councilmember Steve Frate, Glendale Arizona

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Thunderbird Acres – Neighborhood Grants. Neighbors living in Thunderbird Acres I have new driveway aprons that enhance their streetscape and maintain irrigation as the result of a neighborhood grant for \$71, 508.

The Citizen's Advisory Commission on Neighborhoods awarded the funds to the neighborhood in spring 2008. The grant, coordinated by the Neighborhood Partnership Office, provided for the removal and replacement of their driveway aprons located in the undedicated right-of-way area of their neighborhood.

Neighbors were recognized for their efforts to improve their neighborhood by Councilmember Steve Frate who presented them with a plaque during a brief dedication ceremony last week.

For more information about the services available to neighborhoods, call the Neighborhood Partnership Office at (623) 930-2868 or [click here](#).

CM Steve Frate spent time with Lynette Jelinek, Human Services Manager, Glendale Fire Department, and Topaz the Crisis Response Dog at the 2009 Annual Volunteer Breakfast. **Thanks to all who volunteer their time and talents to the city of Glendale.**



Aquatics Program. Parks and Recreation is now accepting registration for all summer swim lessons; swim, diving and water polo teams and other aquatics programs.

Information on Glendale's aquatics programs is available in the 2009 Splashbook available online, at all Glendale libraries, the Glendale Parks and Recreation office, 5850 W. Glendale Ave., and Foothills Recreation & Aquatics Center, 5600 W. Union Hills Dr.

Registration is accepted three ways: by phone, in person and online. Registration is available to Glendale residents only from May 7-10. Residents and non-residents will be able to register from

May 11-28. For more information, [click here](#), then click on 2009 Splashbook or call the Aquatics Splashline at (623) 930-2041.



Summer Reading Program. Glendale Public Library's annual free summer reading programs for children and teens begin on May 26.

Read Your Way to the Ballpark, sponsored by The Arizona Republic and the Arizona Diamondbacks, is celebrating its 10th anniversary of reading for incentive prizes and a free ticket to a Diamondback's game at the completion of the nine-week program.

This year the teens' program, Express Yourself, has gone online. Prizes include items from Harkins, Sonic, Chipotle and more! Three Kodak Easy Share Digital Cameras will be given out as grand prizes. Express Yourself is open to youths, ages 12-18.

To register for the youth program, pick up a game board at the closest Glendale library. Teens can sign up online at www.glendaleaz.com/library/teen or at the library. The reading incentive programs end on July 25.



2009 Summer Art Camp for Kids. Register early for Glendale's popular Summer Art Camp. Six artists will lead five weeks of workshops, with morning and afternoon sessions for youth 6-18 years old. Workshop topics include folk art and storytelling, a hands-on world music workshop, a write and illustrate your own book workshop and more! Camp will be held at the Fruit Packing Shed at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 9802 N. 59th Avenue from the end of June until the last week in July. [Click here](#) to register or for complete information.

Around Town

Mother's Day Celebration. Visit Historic Downtown Glendale as we celebrate moms with a day of deals, meals and more! Start your celebration at the Glendale Visitor Center and pick up a beautiful flower, event map and goodie bag. Many of the downtown shops and restaurants will feature discounts and giveaways, free flowers and special Mother's Day gift ideas, from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Call (623) 930-4500 or [click here](#) for more information.

Prime Vision. The Parks and Recreation Department is hosting Prime Vision, a 3 on 3 B-boy and B-girl competition, at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St. in Glendale, on Saturday, May 9. The event begins at 6 p.m., featuring 16 of the valley's best B-boy and B-girl dance crews and a cash prize of \$500 for the winning crew, and music by DJ Cre. Entrance is \$5 per person and proceeds will benefit the youth and teen programs in Glendale. Food will be available for purchase. The event is being sponsored by Glendale Pawn and Jewelry. For more information, call (623) 930-4701.

Toddler Water Day ...Under the Sea! Grab those flip flops and beach towels, it's time to hit the water! Join us 10 a.m. to 12 p.m., May 15, at Sahuaro Ranch Park, 63rd Ave. & Mountain View Rd., for a morning of fun water activities. Children should be dressed to get wet! There will be a variety of water games that will definitely leave them soaked. All children are required to wear shoes or sandals; no bare feet allowed. Don't forget the SUNSCREEN. Children must be accompanied by an adult or guardian. Snacks and refreshments will be available for purchase. For more information, call Krystal at (623) 930-2038.

B.A.G. I.T. (Bus and Gus Individual Training). A class is being offered to Glendale residents who are interested in learning about how to travel on the bus. No need to register, just show up and learn how to ride Valley Metro Public Transportation or Gus the Bus. Some of the lessons include how to read a bus book, plan a trip, find the closest bus stop, signal your stop and more. Classes will be held on May 28 and June 25 at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m., at the Glendale Adult Center, 5970 W. Brown St., in room 102. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-2035.

That Thursday Thing. Pull out your favorite fluffy slippers, put on your most comfy pajamas and bling up your wardrobe with a tiara as Downtown Glendale celebrates Girl's Night Out with a Pajama Party & Tiara Party on May 21. Event hours are 5 to 8 p.m. The May event marks the final "That Thursday Thing" of the season, so don't miss out! Begin the fun at the Glendale Visitor Center, located at 5800 W. Glenn Drive, Suite 140, where you will receive a gift bag, event map and take a spin on the themed prize wheel. Live entertainment is located throughout Old Towne and Catlin Court.

The charity component for May is a new blanket and pajama drive to benefit local women's organizations, adoption centers and the West Valley Child Crisis Center. New blankets and pajamas (women's and children's sizes) will be accepted at the Glendale Visitor Center. For more information, [click here](#) or call (623) 930-4500.

Authors at the Teague. Heather Lauer will celebrate both the publication of "Bacon: A Love Story" and the fourth anniversary of her popular "Bacon Unwrapped" blog in the upcoming Authors @ the Teague talk and signing at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, June 3 at Velma Teague Branch Library, 7010 N. 58th Ave. The program is free. For more information, please call (623) 930-3431.

Summer Band Concerts. Enjoy renditions of marches, ballads and show tunes 8 p.m., Thursday evenings, June 4 thru July 23. It's FREE and the entire family is welcome! The concerts take place in Historic Downtown Glendale at the Glendale Amphitheater, 5850 W. Glendale Ave. A special patriotic theme will be featured July 2. Refreshments will be available for purchase. Bring a lawn chair or blanket, but please leave pets at home. For more information, call (623) 930-2042.

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